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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – Gunman Opens Fire at California Hospital

(U) A man was shot by police on 1 December after opening fire at the Bakersfield Heart Hospital. The suspect initially fired several shots into a glass door at the rear of the building, and then entered the hospital with a handgun and an assault rifle. The suspect was confronted by a security officer, but no shots were exchanged. Shortly after, the suspect exited the hospital and was shot by police. No patients, staff, or visitors were injured during the incident. The gunman's motive remains unclear, but authorities believe terrorism was not a factor in the shooting.

SOURCE: 2 December 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Placentia – Hand Grenade Found in Donation Box at Goodwill Store

(U) An unidentified woman left a hand grenade inside a box of donations at a Goodwill store on 29 November, prompting police to evacuate the building and adjacent businesses. The bomb squad was called to safely retrieve and dispose of the grenade. Police said the store workers had discovered the explosive as they sifted through the donations.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) San Jose – Data of Approximately 1.6 Million Users Compromised in PayPal's TIO Breach

(U) PayPal revealed on 1 December that its recently acquired company TIO Networks suffered a data breach compromising the personal information of 1.6 million customers. The company did not specify when or how the breach took place or what type of information was accessed by hackers. PayPal noted that its own platforms were not affected by the breach and its customers' data remains secure.

SOURCE: 4 December 2017, [International Business Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Bitcoin-Mining 'Worm' Caused School Computer Lock-Down

(U) Montgomery – Montgomery Public Schools' (MPS) computer system was shut down last week in order to restrict a "bitcoin-mining worm" from burrowing further into the system. The worm accessed a particularly vulnerable, older Microsoft Exchange server in the MPS data center on 25 November, according to the school. Officials did not know how many servers the worm subsequently infiltrated, but the MPS IT team shut down affected servers to isolate the malware. As of 1 December, the systems were back up and running.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [Montgomery Advertiser](#)

(U) Louisiana – Two Men Sentenced in Methamphetamine Conspiracy

(U) New Orleans – A Louisiana man received a five-year prison sentence and his Los Angeles co-defendant received a 10-year sentence on 30 November for their roles in a cross-state methamphetamine trafficking conspiracy. Prosecutors allege that the defendant from California sent packages of meth to the defendant in New Orleans, who in turn sold the drugs for distribution in the New Orleans area.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) New Jersey – Seventy-Nine Charged in Child Predator and Pornography Operation

(U) Trenton – Authorities announced the arrests of 79 alleged child predators and child pornography offenders on 1 December, to include suspects from California. The announcement follows the conclusion of Operation Safety Net, a month's long undercover investigation targeting alleged sex offenders online and on social media. The operation utilized a new mobile forensics lab and an electronics detection dog, which can detect any chemical used to cool memory chips on electronics.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [WTFX News](#)

(U) Vermont – Retiree Made Ricin and Tested it on Neighbors

(U) Burlington – A retirement community resident made ricin and tested the toxin on her neighbors by putting it in their food or drinks on at least three occasions, according to investigators. The elderly suspect harvested 30 to 40 castor beans from plants growing on the retirement community property, making two to three tablespoons of ricin in her kitchen. Investigators found a pill bottle half full with powder labeled as "ricin" in the suspect's kitchen cabinet. The health department said on 1 December that one person likely became ill with ricin poisoning, but no one is currently ill.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Commander of Taliban 'Special Forces' Killed**

(U) Musa Qala – Mullah Shah Wali, also known as Mullah Naser, was killed last week by Afghan forces in an air operation in Helmand, according to Afghanistan's main intelligence agency. Wali became commander of the Taliban's "Red Unit" as well as deputy shadow governor of Helmand province three years ago, and was directly involved in Taliban offensives. He was killed alongside a suicide bomber and two other Taliban commanders in Helmand's Musa Qala district.

SOURCE: 3 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) China – Chinese Drone Maker Denies Giving Data to Government

(U) Beijing – DJI Ltd., the Chinese company that is the world's biggest maker of commercial drones, has denied claims that it gives the Chinese government information about US utility companies and other critical infrastructure. DJI Ltd. stated that it does not look at flight logs, photos, or video "unless customers actively upload and share them." A US document—allegedly from a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Los Angeles—says data from DJI drones are transmitted to computers in China to which the government might have access. The American Embassy in Beijing, however, said it had passed to ICE questions about whether the document was genuine.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Germany – Intel Chief Warns of Potential Threat Posed by Wives, Children of German Jihadis

(U) Berlin – Germany's domestic intelligence chief Hans-Georg Maassen warned that the wives and children of German ISIS fighters could pose a security risk when they return home. A third of the 950 Germans who have traveled to fight for ISIS have returned, according to authorities, and although there has not been a major wave of Germans with ISIS ties returning home, Maassen stated it was crucial to have security procedures in place. Maassen's remarks follow reports in German media last week that the government was exploring plans to repatriate the children of German ISIS fighters.

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Mexico – Cartel Hitmen Perform ISIS-Style Beheading**

(U) Michoacán – Hitmen from the Viagras Cartel carried out an ISIS-style execution last week on a Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) rival after filming him “confessing” for his “sins.” Footage posted to social media by the Viagras Cartel showed the brother of CJNG member “El Duende”—arrested several years ago—having his head cut off with a carving knife, in an execution reportedly unusual for the Viagras Cartel and possibly an indication that there may be an escalation in their use of violence against the CJNG, according to an expert.

SOURCE: 3 December, 2017 [Newsweek](#)

(U) Pakistan – Nine Killed as Burqa-Clad Taliban Attack College

(U) Peshawar – Pakistani Taliban gunmen disguised in all-enveloping burqas stormed the campus of an agricultural college in Pakistan on 1 December, killing at least nine people and wounding 35, according to police and hospital officials. The Pakistani Taliban said in a message from spokesman Mohammad Khorasani that they had targeted a safe house of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency. In December 2014, Pakistani Taliban gunmen killed 134 children at Peshawar's Army Public School, one of the single deadliest attacks in the country's history.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Arrests Drug Smuggler Using Cross-Border Zip Line**

(U) Douglas – US Border Patrol agents seized 10 bundles of marijuana and arrested an 18-year-old Douglas resident involved in a cross-border zip line smuggling attempt last week after finding the suspect attempting to conceal himself in a vacant lot in near the international border . During a subsequent search of the area, agents discovered a zip line affixed to a tall building south of the border in Agua Prieta Sonora. Agents notified Mexican law enforcement who then searched the line's point of origin, but found no other suspects.

SOURCE: 1 December 2017, [Daily Miner](#)

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